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Barry G. Anderson, et al.

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Filed: September 8, 2003

Examiner: Reichle, Karin M.

**"MEDICAL SUCTION APPARATUS AND  
METHODS FOR DRAINING SAME"**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

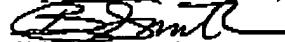
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.